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**Amendments to the Specification**

*Please replace the first paragraph beginning on Page 19 of the Application as filed with the following replacement paragraph:*

Luminous transmittance is measured using "[[®]] HAZEGARD ~~plus~~ PLUS®" test equipment to ASTM D 1003.

*Please replace the third paragraph on Page 19 of the Application as filed with the following replacement paragraph:*

The haze is measured using "HAZEGARD ~~plus~~ PLUS®" apparatus to ASTM D 1003.

*Please replace the first and second full paragraphs on Page 21 of the Application as filed with the following replacement paragraphs:*

A transparent film of 50 µm thickness is produced, comprising polyethylene terephthalate as principal constituent, 0.2% by weight of [[ \_ ]] ~~Syleblee~~ SYLOBLOC® as antiblocking agent, 4% by weight of the organic phosphorus compound as flame retardant and 1.0% by weight of the UV stabilizer 2-(4,6-diphenyl-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)-5-hexyloxyphenol ([[ \_ ]] ~~Tinuvin~~ TINUVIN® 1577).

To obtain homogeneous distribution, 0.2% by weight of ~~Syleblee~~ SYLOBLOC® antiblocking agent is incorporated directly into the polyethylene terephthalate (PET) when the polymer is prepared.

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*Please replace the fourth and fifth full paragraphs on Page 21 of the Application as filed with the following replacement paragraphs:*

~~Tinuvin~~ TINUVIN® 1577 UV stabilizer has a melting point of 149 °C and is thermally stable up to about 330 °C. The UV stabilizer ~~Tinuvin~~ TINUVIN® 1577 is fed in the form of a masterbatch. The masterbatch is composed of 5% by weight of ~~Tinuvin~~ TINUVIN® 1577 UV stabilizer as active ingredient and 95% by weight of PET having a standard viscosity SV (DCA) = 810, corresponding to an Intrinsic viscosity IV (DCA) of 0.658 dl/g.

The flame retardant is the organic phosphorus compound dimethyl methylphosphonate, [[ \_ ]] ~~Amgard~~ AMGARD P 1045 from Albright & Wilson, which is soluble in PET.

*Please replace the second paragraph on Page 22 of the Application as filed with the following replacement paragraph:*

40% by weight of PET with 0.2% by weight of ~~Sylebles~~ SYLOBLOC® antiblocking agent, 30% by weight of recycled PET material, 10% by weight of UV masterbatch and 20% by weight of flame retardant masterbatch are discharged at room temperature from separate metering vessels into a vacuum dryer which operates with a temperature profile of from 25 to 130 °C from the time of charging to the end of the residence time. During the residence time of about 4 hours, the mixture of raw materials is agitated at 61 rpm.

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*Please replace the second and third paragraphs on Page 24 of the Application as filed with the following replacement paragraphs:*

The polyethylene terephthalate used for the core layer B is identical with the polymer of Example 1 except that it comprises no ~~Syleblee~~ SYLOBLOC® antiblocking agent. The core layer comprises 0.2% by weight of hydrolysis stabilizer and 5% by weight of flame retardant. As in Example 1, the hydrolysis stabilizer and the flame retardant are fed in the form of a masterbatch. The masterbatch is composed of 25% by weight of flame retardant, 1% by weight of hydrolysis stabilizer and 74% by weight of polyethylene terephthalate. The hydrolysis stabilizer and the flame retardant are identical with the active ingredients used in Example 1.

The polyethylene terephthalate of the outer layers A is identical with the polyethylene terephthalate of Example 1, that is to say the outer layer polymer has 0.2% by weight of ~~Syleblee~~ SYLOBLOC® antiblocking agent. The outer layers comprise no hydrolysis stabilizer and no flame retardant. The outer layers additionally comprise 1.0% by weight of ~~Tinuvin~~ TINUVIN® 1577 UV stabilizer, and this amount was incorporated directly when the polymer was prepared.

*Please replace the last paragraph on Page 24 of the Application as filed with the following replacement paragraph:*

The outer layer polymer, which comprises ~~Syleblee~~ SYLOBLOC® antiblocking agent and 1% by weight of ~~Tinuvin~~ TINUVIN® 1577 UV stabilizer, is not subjected to any particular drying. Coextrusion technology is used to produce a film having the layer sequence A-B-A and having a thickness of 17 µm and the following property profile: